

SANILAC COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Public Participation/Involvement Program (PPP)

**National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Application for Discharge of Stormwater
to Surface Waters from a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)**

SANILAC COUNTY

SANILAC COUNTY'S CORRESPONDING AGENCIES:

VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON
SANILAC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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It is the vision of Sanilac County, including the Village of Lexington and the Sanilac County Road Commission agencies, to increase the general public and business community's knowledge fulfilling the requirements found within the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Application for the Application for Discharge of Stormwater to Surface Waters from a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4).

This Public Participation/Involvement Program (PPP) includes the collaboration between the Village of Lexington and the Sanilac County Road Commission agencies to meet the minimum control measure requirements for the PPP of the NPDES MS4 Application to the maximum extent practicable. Both agencies will attempt to contact local decision makers, county residents, area businesses, and other interested groups to gain support and assistance in the implementation of the SWMP in the urbanized area of Sanilac County.

The DNRE Administrative Consent Order (ACO-000136) specifies three required elements for a Public Participation/Involvement Program. The minimum required elements outlined in Part I, A,6.a.b.c. include the following: providing public notice of the SWMP, participating in a citizen advisory committee, and coordinating with stream or watershed groups. The County is committed to meeting all three requirements, listed below, during the term of the current permit and Certificate of Coverage (COC).

- The permittee shall follow local public notice requirements, as appropriate, when notifying the public that a storm water management program must be implemented. Copies of the approvable SWMP shall be available for public review, if requested, and the public shall be notified of when and where it is available. For example, the document will be public noticed in the same manner as a public meeting held by the Road Commission or the Village of Lexington. The SWMP will be available for public inspection and comment when the SWMP goes on public notice on the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) online database system called *MiWaters* at the following link:

<https://miwaters.deq.state.mi.us/miwaters/#/external/home>

- The permittee shall participate in a citizen or watershed advisory committee, if available, for the purpose of encouraging public involvement in all aspects of the storm water management program. The permittee may participate in an existing citizen or watershed advisory committee or may establish and implement its own. It is noted that the Village of Lexington has such a committee and the Road Commission may participate in this committee.
- The permittee shall pursue cooperation with local stream or watershed protection organizations, if any exist, by informing them of activities under the storm water management program, providing copies of the SWMP and pursuing input on the plan, seeking volunteer assistance including water quality monitoring assistance, and seeking ways to meet general permit requirements by assisting the local organizations with their ongoing programs for water resource protection and enhancement.

The Best Management Practice (BMP) activities, located in Table 1 below, will be implemented to comply with the minimum control measures. A measurable goal, measure of assessment, schedule for implementation (months and years), including milestones and the frequency of the BMP, will be listed and implemented between both the Village of Lexington and the Sanilac County Road Commission.

Table 1. Best Management Practice Activities

| Responsible Party | BMP Activity | Measurable Goal | Measure of Assessment | Schedule for Implementation | Interim Milestone | Frequency |
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| Sanilac County Agencies: The Village of Lexington and the Sanilac County Road Commission | A copy of the approved SWMP shall be available for public review, comment and inspection on each permittee's website. | Approximately 100 website hits each year. | View how many hits per year the website receives and how many individuals review the SWMP and provide feedback. | Approximately 3 months after the permit is issued. | NOT APPLICABLE | Provide the SWMP after the permit is submitted and accepted, maintain the website, email link and the effectiveness throughout the duration of the NPDES MS4 permit. |
| | Provide an invitation via email link for the public to respond with feedback, review, comment and inspection regarding the SWMP. The public will be informed of where the SWMP is available per each permittee's website and the name of the stormwater management representative per permittee of whom the comments will be directed towards. | Approximately 40 responses/comments per year. | If this invitation and email link to each of the permittee's stormwater management representative is available on each permittee's respectable website and how many responses/comments are received. | | | |
| | Provide public involvement and participation in the implementation and periodic review of the SWMP with invitations via email with links to each permittee's website and calendar events of up-coming meetings, review sessions and local events. | Approximately 2 invitations per month via website. | Each invitation and link is present and accurate on each permittee's website and edits are made when necessary. | Approximately 6 months after the permit is issued. | | Update and revise when necessary throughout the duration of the NPDES MS4 permit. |
| | Post informational documents, guides and any helpful resources aimed at providing stormwater public education along with participating in a citizen or watershed advisory committee and/or pursuing cooperation with local stream or watershed protection organizations. | Approximately 5 Documents/Guides/Handouts posted per year. Attend monthly meetings or local events. | Information is kept up-to-date on each permittee's website and all relevant and helpful information is posted and edits are made when necessary. | | | Ongoing throughout the duration of the NPDES MS4 permit. |